

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1-23. (Canceled)

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24. (Currently Amended) An absorbent article comprising an odor control system including dry cellulose fibers bonded with a partially neutralized carboxylic acid odor control agent in the presence of heat for a time sufficient to cause dehydration, the absorbent article being capable of suppressing odor from at least ammonia.

25. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of Claim 24, wherein the cellulose fibers are treated with a partially neutralized HMCA selected from citric acid, malic acid, tartaric acid, and combinations thereof.

26. (Original) The absorbent article of Claim 24, wherein the cellulose fibers are treated with partially neutralized citric acid.

27. (Original) A diaper comprising the absorbent article of Claim 24.

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28. (Original) Training pants comprising the absorbent article of Claim 24.

29. (Original) Swim wear comprising the absorbent article of Claim 24.

C² 30. (Original) Absorbent underpants comprising the absorbent article of Claim 24.

31. (Original) A baby wipe comprising the absorbent article of Claim 24.

32. (Original) An adult incontinence product comprising the absorbent article of Claim 24.


33. (Original) A feminine hygiene product comprising the absorbent article of Claim 24.

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34. (Original) A medical garment comprising the absorbent article of Claim 24.

35. (Original) An underpad comprising the absorbent article of Claim 24.

 36. (Original) An absorbent drape comprising the absorbent article of Claim 24.

37. (Original) A bandage comprising the absorbent article of Claim 24.

38. (Original) A medical wipe comprising the absorbent article of Claim 24.

39. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of Claim 24, wherein the partially neutralized carboxylic acid control agent is selected from the group consisting of a partially neutralized HCMA, a partially neutralized PCA, and combinations thereof.

40. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of Claim 24, wherein the partially neutralized carboxylic acid odor control agent comprises a partially neutralized polycarboxylic acid.

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41. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of Claim 24, wherein the partially neutralized carboxylic acid odor control agent comprises about 25-100% by weight of a partially neutralized hydroxyl multi-carboxylic acid.

42. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of Claim 24, wherein the partially neutralized carboxylic acid odor control agent comprises about 50-100% by weight of a hydroxyl multi-carboxylic acid.

43. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of Claim 24, wherein the partially neutralized carboxylic acid odor control agent has a degree of neutralization of about 15-95%.

44. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of Claim 43, wherein the degree of neutralization is about 30-90%.

45. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of Claim 43, wherein the degree of neutralization is about 50-80%.

C2 46. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of Claim 24, wherein the partially neutralized carboxylic acid odor control agent comprises a chelating agent.

47. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of Claim 24, wherein the partially neutralized carboxylic acid odor control agent comprises a salt of a transition metal.

48. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of Claim 47, wherein the transition metal is selected from zinc, cadmium, zirconium, chromium, titanium, copper, and combinations thereof.

49. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of Claim 24, comprising about 1-40% of the partially neutralized carboxylic acid odor control agent based on a combined weight of dry odor control agent and dry cellulose fibers in the odor control system.

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50. (Previously Presented) The odor control system of Claim 24, comprising about 3-30% of the partially neutralized carboxylic acid odor control agent based on a combined weight of dry odor control agent and dry cellulose fibers in the odor control system.

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51. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of Claim 24, comprising about 5-20% by weight of the partially neutralized carboxylic acid odor control agent based on a combined weight of dry odor control agent and dry cellulose fibers in the odor control system.

52. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of Claim 24, further comprising cellulose fibers which are not treated with the partially neutralized carboxylic acid odor control agent.

53. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of Claim 24, further comprising a superabsorbent material.
